



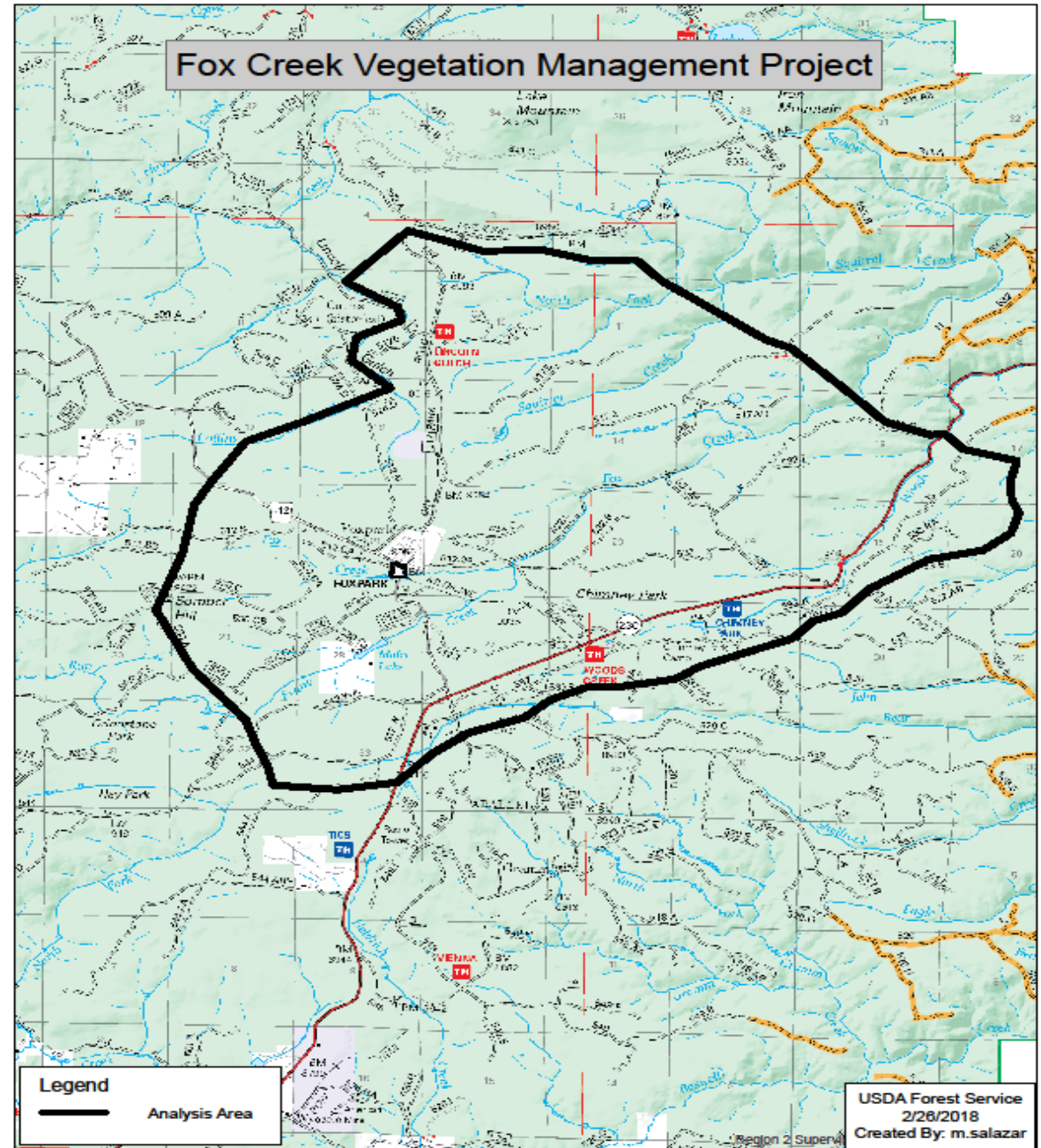
Fox Creek Vegetation Management Project



Laramie Ranger District, Medicine Bow- Routt National Forest, Thunder
Basin National Grassland

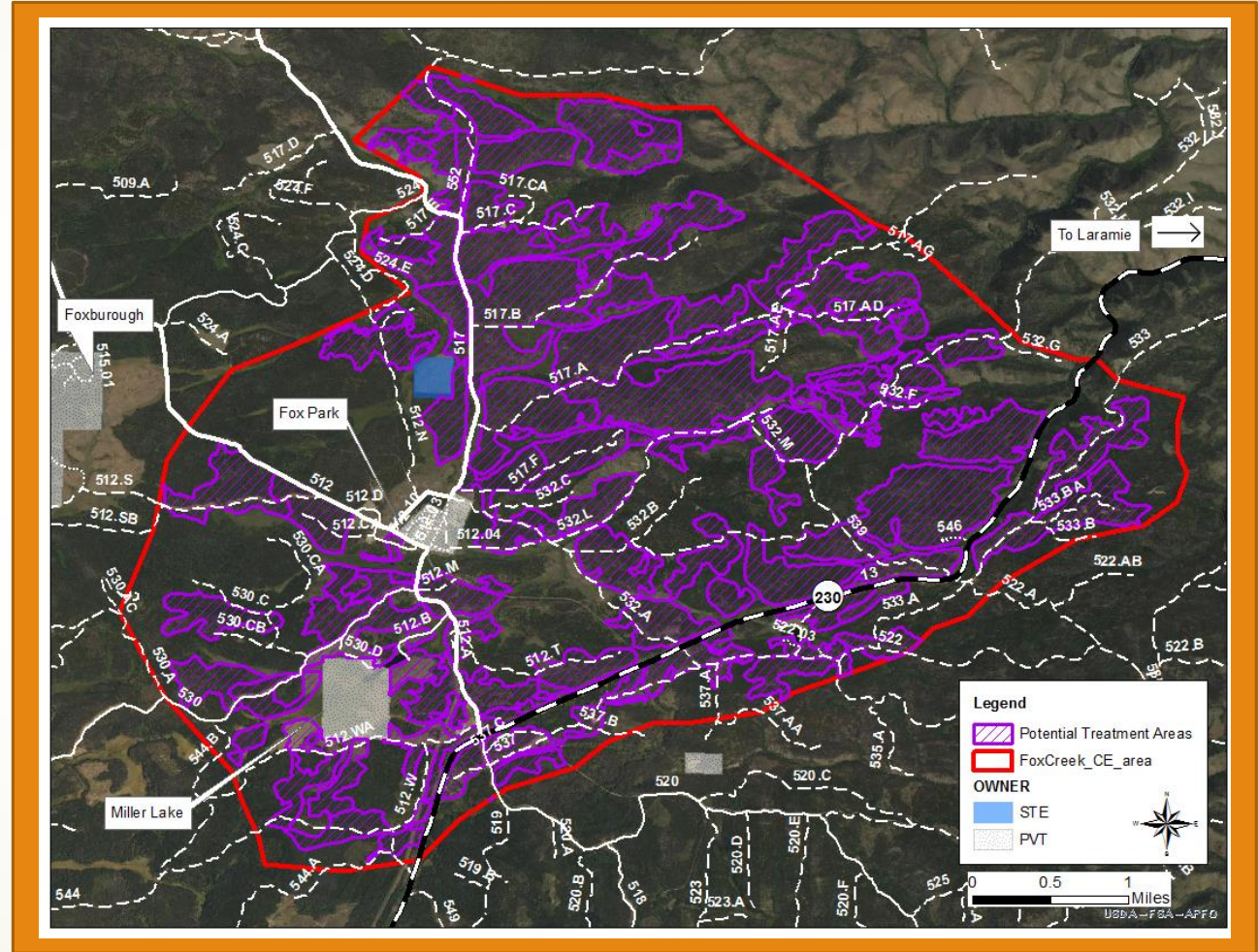
Project Area

- Approximately 6 miles northeast of Colorado State border, along Highway 230
- Legal description: Township(T) 13N North(N) Range(R) 78West(W) Sections 9-17 and 20-34 and T13N R77W Sections 7,17,18,19,20 and 30
- The general area is commonly referred to as the Fox Creek area



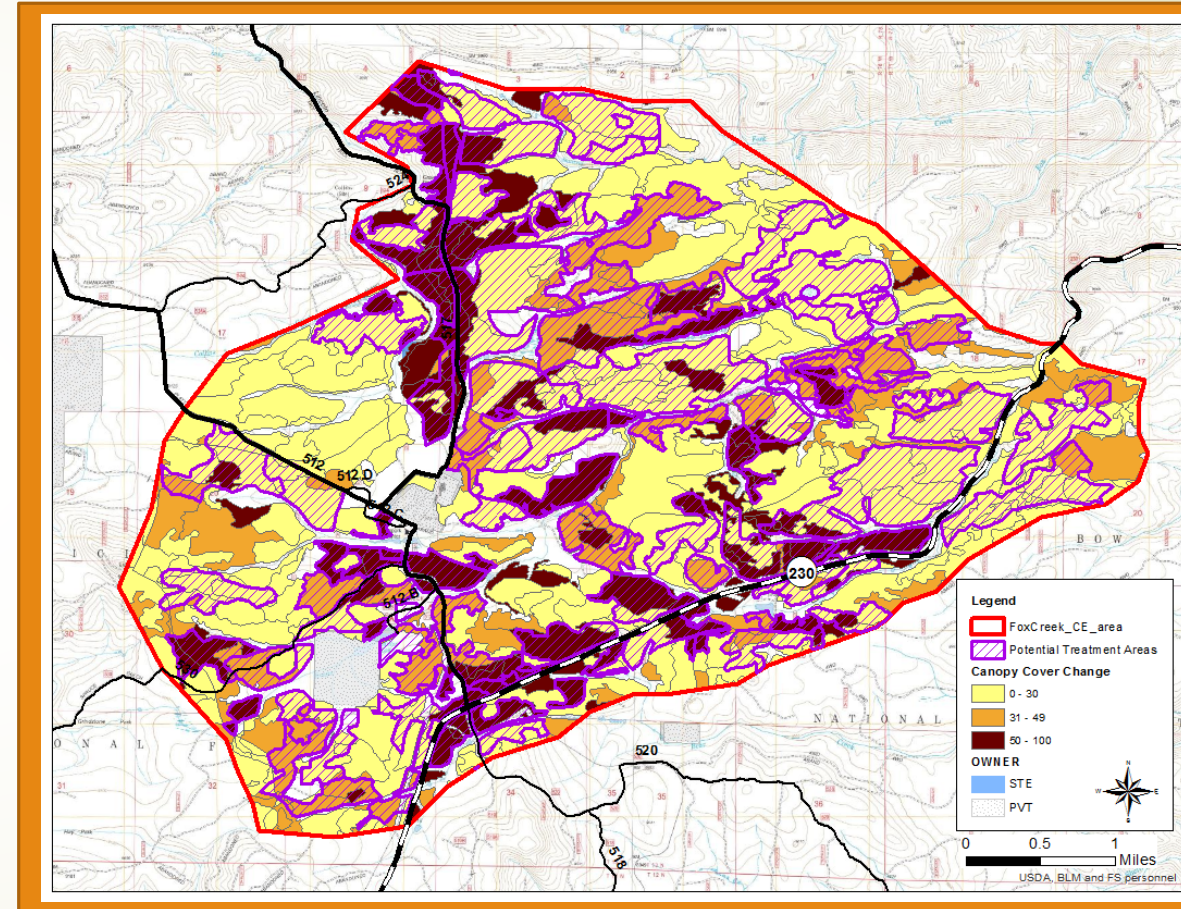
Proposed Action Overview

- Up to 3000 acres of silvicultural treatments
- No new permanent roads would be established
- Temporary roads constructed during the project would be decommissioned within 3 years
- No existing roads would be decommissioned
- No existing trails would be decommissioned



Purpose and Need

- Manage forest lands affected by the MPB through appropriate silvicultural treatments to support regeneration of healthy forest conditions which are resilient to insect and disease.
- Reduce fuel loads in and around the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) to minimize the risk of future wildland fire events to values at risk.
- Provide for public access and safety by reducing the amount of standing and fallen dead timber.



Background

- ▶ The Medicine Bow- Routt National Forest experienced a Mountain Pine Beetle (MPB) epidemic beginning in the early 21st century.
- ▶ Following the MPB epidemic the lodgepole pine stands in the area experienced a high mortality rate. This has led to a landscape that remains particularly susceptible to insects and disease.
- ▶ Due to the heavy MPB infestation this area has been designated as part of an insect and disease treatment program.



Design Elements

- All stream courses will be buffered by 100' per Wyoming State and National Best Management Practices
- No mechanical treatment above 40% slope will occur
- Known sensitive wildlife, plant habitat and archeological sites will be dropped from treatment areas
- All existing open Forest Service roads and trails will be left open to public use following treatment



Current Condition:



Desired Future Conditions:

